

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 remain pending. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's acknowledgement of applicant's priority claim. A certified copy of the priority document will be filed in due course before payment of the issue fee.

Claims 1-15 were objected to replete with inconsistent terminology and multiple positive recitations of the same element. The claims have been reviewed and revised to correct the matters noted by the Examiner. It is believed that the claims are now in proper form and, therefore, withdrawal of the Examiner's objections is requested.

Claims 4 and 10 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form. Following the revisions to the claims presented above, it is believed that claims 4 and 10 are no longer redundant and, thus, are now in proper dependent form.

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 1 and 14 have been revised above to address the matters noted by the Examiner. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 1-15 are now all in proper form under 35 USC 112, all paragraphs.

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 USC 101. Claim 14 has been revised to be in the form of a product claim properly dependent from product claim 11. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-13 and 15 contain allowable subject matter. Following the amendment to the claims presented

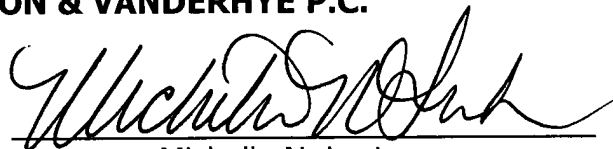
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above and the amendment to claim 14, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-15 should all now be allowed.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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